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I. AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following listing of the claims replaces all prior versions and listing of the claims in the application:

1-27 (Cancelled)

28. (Currently Amended) In an instant connect call between devices, a method for selectively replaying voice data received by a device, the method comprising:

receiving real-time voice data at a device of a recipient in an instant connect call;
playing the real-time voice data being received at the device while buffering the real-time voice data in a buffer; and

in response to input from the recipient during the instant connect call and while continuing to buffer the real-time voice data in the buffer from the instant connect call:

preventing the real-time voice data being received from being played;
replaying at least a portion of the buffered voice data from the buffer during the instant connect call; and

providing functions on the device related to the buffered voice data, wherein the functions enable the recipient to alter how the buffered voice data is replayed, including jumping to the real-time voice data when the recipient begins talking and jumping to the real-time voice data when the recipient requests a floor;

wherein buffering the voice data in a buffer further comprises ~~comp-rises~~ removing silences between one or more senders such that silences are not buffered.

29. (Previously Presented) A method as defined in Claim 28, further comprising:
determining that a section of the buffered voice data is missing packets;
requesting the missing packets;
inserting packets that are received and that correspond to the missing packets into the section of the buffered voice data to improve a quality of the section of the buffered voice data;
and

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replaying the section of the buffered voice data with the one or more of the inserted packets.

30-51. (Cancelled)

52. (Previously Presented) In a communication device configured to send and receive network-based instant connect calls, a method comprising:

receiving first voice data of a network-based instant connect call;

receiving second voice data as part of the network-based instant connect call;

playing the first and second voice data;

storing, in a buffer of the communication device configured to send and receive network-based instant connect calls, the first and second voice data; and

receiving third voice data as part of the network-based instant connect call;

inserting, in the buffer of the communication device configured to send and receive network-based instant connect calls, the third voice data between the first and second voice data;

in response to user input, playing the first, second, and third voice data from the buffer.

53. (Cancelled)

Please add the following new claims:

54. (New) The method as in Claim 28, wherein the communication device comprises a mobile telephone.

55. (New) The method as in Claim 29, wherein the communication device comprises a mobile telephone.

56. (New) The method as in Claim 52, wherein the communication device comprises a mobile telephone.

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57. (New) A system comprising:
- a communication device configured to send and receive network-based instant connect calls, the communication device configured to:
 - receive first voice data of a network-based instant connect call;
 - receive second voice data as part of the network-based instant connect call;
 - play the first and second voice data;
 - store, in a buffer of the communication device configured to send and receive network-based instant connect calls, the first and second voice data; and
 - receive third voice data as part of the network-based instant connect call;
 - insert, in the buffer of the communication device configured to send and receive network-based instant connect calls, the third voice data between the first and second voice data;
 - in response to user input, play the first, second, and third voice data from the buffer.
58. (New) The system as in Claim 57, wherein the communication device comprises a mobile telephone.

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59. (New) In a first communication device configured to send and receive network-based instant connect calls, a method comprising:

by the first communication device configured to send and receive network-based instant connect calls, receiving first voice data from a second communication device as part of a first network-based instant connect call, the second communication device being configured to send and receive network-based instant connect calls;

by the first communication device, automatically playing the first voice data in response to receiving the first voice data;

by the first communication device, replaying the first voice data in response to user input;

by the first communication device, while replaying the first voice data, receiving second voice data from the second communication device as part of the first network-based instant connect call; and

by the first communication device, playing the second voice data after replaying the first voice data.

60. (New) The method as in Claim 59, wherein playing the second voice data after replaying the first voice data comprises automatically playing the second voice data after replaying the first voice data.

61. (New) The method as in Claim 60, wherein the first communication device comprises a first mobile telephone; and wherein the second communication device comprises a second mobile telephone.

62. (New) The method as in Claim 59, wherein the first communication device comprises a first mobile telephone; and wherein the second communication device comprises a second mobile telephone.

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63. (New) A system comprising:

a first communication device configured to send and receive network-based instant connect calls, the first communication device configured to:

receive first voice data from a second communication device as part of a first network-based instant connect call, the second communication device being configured to send and receive network-based instant connect calls;

automatically play the first voice data in response to receiving the first voice data;

replay the first voice data in response to user input;

while replaying the first voice data, receive second voice data from the second communication device as part of the first network-based instant connect call; and

play the second voice data after replaying the first voice data.

64. (New) The system as in Claim 63, wherein playing the second voice data after replaying the first voice data comprises automatically playing the second voice data after replaying the first voice data.

65. (New) The system as in Claim 64, wherein the first communication device comprises a first mobile telephone; and wherein the second communication device comprises a second mobile telephone.

66. (New) The system as in Claim 63, wherein the first communication device comprises a first mobile telephone; and wherein the second communication device comprises a second mobile telephone.